

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first paragraph on p. 1:

-- This Application is a Continuation-in-part of the prior application for "RELIABLE COUPLING TO AN ARRAY OF DISK STORAGE DEVICES USING SINGLE INITIATOR, NON-HOTPLUG INTERFACES" filed by David Bulfer, Steven Kleiman, and Keith Son on May 16, 2001 (U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/860,027).--